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Chief, S/COM.

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Answer to St/I Notice No. 5 of 7 February 1955 and Mr. [REDACTED]
Notice of 28 January 1955.

The following comments of S/COM pertains to the adequacy of FDD coverage as it meets the needs of the Branch. The comments are in direct response to the points for discussion in St/I Notice No. 5 of 7 February 1955 and discussed briefly with you and Mr. [REDACTED] on 8 February 1955.

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- a.
 - 1) FDD is now covering the kind of information we need, but
 - 2) other needed information is being missed. (see b.2)
 - 3) There is very little of the FDD coverage of telecommunications that is not germane to our responsibility. Nothing should be eliminated.
- b.
 - 1) Coverage of newspapers appears to be adequate.
 - 2) Coverage of periodicals is inadequate. Better exploitation of Vestnik Svyazi and Radio, in particular, is needed. Most of the lead articles in Vestnik Svyazi should be translated in toto.
 - 3) No comment.
- c.
 - 1) Information usually does not reach us soon enough to be of help in yearly updating of economic NIE's, but for other projects, for the most part, there is no problem.
 - 2) Time is of the essence for one phase of our responsibility - OGI support. We do not like to issue urgent requests activated by crash projects, etc., but at times it is necessary in obtaining hurried translations.
- d. 1&2) Prefer short term simple compilations of individual items published on 5 x 8 cards with possibly a periodic summary.
- e. There is very little duplication of FDD effort, except to the extent that consumers have to look up articles that are merely listed by FDD, in order to find out more about the article.

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f. Working liaison could be effectively increased by routine monthly contacts with our opposites in FDD for the purpose of discussing new developments, new shift in requirements, gaps, recent projects, etc. We want to especially point out that requests for urgent information are normally for information known to FDD exploiters but which are not ready for publication and under conditions where the time element is insufficient to permit waiting for publication. Of course certain hurried translations would also fall under these conditions. A workable arrangement whereby such information and translations may be readily obtained informally would be most beneficial.

g. We have several books on hand that should be translated.

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